

# Food Allergy Policy



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## **INTRODUCTION**

Sybil Andrews Academy recognises that although most food intolerances produce symptoms that are uncomfortable, some people can suffer a severe food allergy with more serious consequences and in some instances these may even be life threatening. Some pupils in the school have severe or moderate allergies to food and amongst the most common is nut allergy. Sybil Andrews Academy recognises that it has a duty of care to all its pupils. The school aims to ensure that none of the foods provided, bought by or produced in the school contain nuts.

The school is committed to pupil safety and therefore has created this policy to reduce the risk of children having allergy related events while in its care.

## **AIMS**

- To reduce the likelihood of a pupil with a known food allergy displaying a severe reaction to a specific food while in school.
- To foster an understanding of and sense of responsibility for the specific needs of the individual members of the school community.
- To create an awareness of the action to take should someone with a severe food allergy display its symptoms.

## **MINIMISING THE RISK**

### **Responsibility of parents**

- In the induction reply booklet parents are required to inform the school of any known food allergies that their child has. This information goes on the database and specifically on medical notes with any care plans kept in the school offices.
- Parents should update this information if an allergy is diagnosed at any stage in their child's education.
- Parents must advise the school of the action that should be taken if their child develops the symptoms of an allergic reaction while in school.
- In the case of a pupil with multiple or unusual allergies, the school may require the parent to provide lunches and snacks to ensure the pupil's safety.

### **Responsibility of school**

- The school will provide training to enable staff to recognise the symptoms of an allergic reaction and to respond appropriately
- A number of staff have been trained in the use of the EPIPEN should a child with a known food allergy go into anaphylaxis



- Risk assessments will be completed for all subjects where foodstuffs are likely to form part of the curriculum offer
- Risk assessments will be completed for all educational trips
- Sybil Andrews Academy will be advising all parents to ensure that their child does not bring nuts or foods containing nuts into school

## Food provision in school

The school canteen does not use nuts or nut oils in the preparation of food. They will work with students/families to make sure the food on offer is suitable for the allergy the child has. For more details follow the link below:

<https://www.vertas.co.uk/companies/vive>

The Home Economics Department will not provide nuts or nut oils as ingredients for practical work and avoids foods containing nuts when taste testing. When alerted to pupils with other food allergies/intolerances careful consideration will be given to the viability of the foods in question.

The school does not sell foods that specifically list nut or peanut products on the ingredients list of a food label.

In addition the Home Economics department and canteen aim to accommodate pupils with allergies/intolerances other than those concerning nuts. Advice from parents regarding the specific needs of their child is seen as invaluable.

The school will attempt to avoid serving food with nuts, but cannot guarantee that products with nuts will never be present. Likewise, the school cannot monitor products sold at events attended by pupils off campus or served on trips. Therefore, pupils with severe food allergies must carefully monitor their food in these situations.

**Sybil Andrews Academy cannot guarantee that there will be nothing in the school that might trigger an allergic reaction or that a pupil will never experience an allergy related event while at school.** With a relatively small amount of effort and care we can, however, try together to ensure a safe environment for all our students.

See [www.anaphylaxis.org.uk](http://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk) for more information.